

[Translation]**Setting up of Phosphoric Acid Plant**

6942. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Phosphoric Acid Plant has been set up in Debari Zinc Smelter, Udaipur;

(b) if so, the production in the said plant so far;

(c) whether any pipeline from Matoon Mines has been laid; and

(d) if so, the quantity of material supplied to this plant through this pipeline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Till August, 1991, 42,430 Metric Tonnes of Phosphoric Acid was produced.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Till August, 1991, 59, 090 Metric Tonnes of Rockphosphate has been supplied to Zinc Smelter Debari through this pipeline.

[English]**Increase in price of Mother Dairy Milk**

6943. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mother Dairy has increased the prices of the milk sold through its outlets recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Mother Dairy has increased the sale price of milk with effect from 28th August, 1991. The price of double toned milk has been increased from Rs. 5.50 per liters to Rs. 6.00 per litre and that of Standardised Milk (in poly pouches) from Rs. 8.00 per litre to Rs. 8.50 per litre. The consumer price of Milk has been revised in view of the increase in the procurement price of milk and commodities like Skimmed Milk Powder and White Butter.

Conversion of Telephone Exchanges Into Electronic Exchanges In Andhra Pradesh

6944. SHRI G.M.C. BALAYOGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to convert various Telephone Exchanges into Electronic Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the various telephone exchanges planned to be converted into electronic exchanges during 1991-95 are as under:

(i) Manual Exchanges	-	85
(ii) Small electro mechanical automatic exchanges	-	300
(iii) Medium electro- mechanical automatic exchanges	-	88

- (iv) Main electro-mechanical automatic exchanges - 5

[Translation]

Production and Export of Makhana and Raharia Beans

6945. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:
SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Makhana and Baharia beans are grown in northern Bihar; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to promote the production and export of these crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Makhana and Raharia beans are grown in North Bihar, mainly in the districts of Madhubani, Darbhanga, Samastipur, Purnia and Katihar. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has implemented an ad-hoc scheme on collection and evaluation to gorgannut (Makhana) in Bihar and West Bengal and is being implemented at Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, Bihar at a

total cost of Rs. 1.03 lakh for a period of 3 years. The State Government is also providing technical know-how for production of Raharia beans and Makhana cultivation. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) organised a display of Makhana in the International Spring Fair at Dubai during 1990 for popularising the export of Makhana.

[English]

Functioning of Cooperative Societies in Delhi

6946. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in his Report No. 3 of 1991 has pointed out irregularities in functioning of cooperative societies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The details of the paras indicated by the Comptroller and Auditor General and action taken by the Delhi Administration is at the Statement attached.